

California Recreational Trails Plan
Program Goal - Progress as of August 12, 2008

GOAL FOR FUNDING

Develop adequate and stable funding for planning, acquisition, development and management of trails.

Action	Progress to Date
1. Promote continued state funding and identify new funding sources for acquisition and development of trails or to formalize traditional trail routes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$54 million in cumulative investment from 1988 Bond, 2000 Bond, Habitat Conservation Funds and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) • Proposition 84 Minor Trail Program Funding • Other funds from conservancies, CalTrans and other state sources • Federal funds for Anza Trail and others on national recreation lands • New local fund sources (Bay area bridge tolls, East Bay Regional Park District parcel tax • Development impact mitigation fees • Road & Trail Management Plans (RTMP) will justify and support future funding needs • Support re-authorization of Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) funding • Funds for maintenance are still scarce + inadequate
2. Encourage public agencies to incorporate trails and trails planning into their normal organizational infrastructure, including the development of annual operation and maintenance budgets to adequately care for trails.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California Trails & Greenways Conference (CT&GC) planning and operations training sessions support agency trail managers in this work
3. Leverage available funds through the use of matching grants. Increase the trail labor pool through public/private cooperation, including funding, donated materials, and volunteer labor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTP workshops through California State Parks (CSP) Office of Grants and Local Services • Promoting Land & Water Conservation Fund grants • Promoting State Coastal Conservancy grants for Coastal Trail • Many volunteer hours are invested – California Trail Days, Adopt-A-Trail, International Mountain Biking Association, Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association, Backcountry Horsemen, Pacific Crest Trail Association, CSP Earth Day activities -- but not well documented
4. Provide grant programs or other funding to encourage development of local trail system plans. This could be accomplished, in part, by including criteria and scoring enhancements for grant applicants who relate their trail project to needs identified in an existing and approved local or regional trails plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Element of current RTP granting criteria for scoring • Funds from prior bonds, conservancies, CalTrans and other sources (to be summarized) • California Trails & Greenways Foundation has a grant program
5. Develop appropriate legislative support for trails funding, including encouraging, on the state level, the inclusion of trail categories in future bond acts and aggressively pursuing the re-authorization of TEA on the federal level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the 2010 Initiative for the re-authorization of the federal Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) funding by including awareness and training session at 2008 CT&GC.

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